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For: ELECTRIC FURNACE EXTENSION METHOD AND EXTENSION APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: